

Bullies as a High Risk Group...



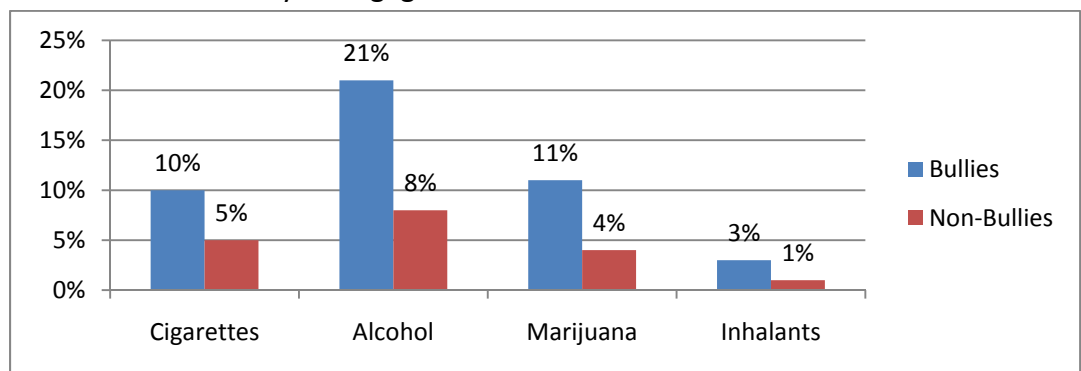
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- While a lot of attention is paid to those youth who are victims of bullying, data from the MSS shows that those youth who bully others are also at high risk for a variety of risky behaviors.

- According to the 2012 Missouri Student Survey (MSS), 68% of all youth have engaged in at least one bullying behavior towards other students while 71% of all students have been a victim of those bullying behaviors.

- Bullies are more likely to be a victim of bullying themselves. 83% of bullies report also being a victim compared to 47% of those who did not bully. Bullies are also slightly more likely to disagree with statements that they feel safe at school.

- Bullies are more likely to engage in current use of all substances asked about:



- Bullies are more likely to report engaging in self-harm. Of those who report bullying another student, 16% also have engaged in self-harm. This compares to 7% of those who do not bully.

- Bullies are twice as likely to report seriously considering suicide (14% vs. 7%) and making a plan to attempt suicide (11% vs. 5%) when compared to those students who do not bully. They are also more likely to report attempting suicide (7% vs. 3%).